

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO WYLIE AND BETTE AITKEN

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a couple who have actively supported our community, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Aitken. Wylie and Bette are being honored with the Champions For Children's award by the Hillview Acres Children's Home for their strong commitment to children. Wylie and Bette are active participants in many political, legal, and community organizations, many involving children. They include Hillview Acres Children's Home; Rosary High School Board; California State University at Fullerton Special Games; Santa Ana College Bear Essentials and several Children's Hospital of Orange County guilds. Wylie founded the law offices of Wylie A. Aitken in Santa Ana and is the chair of the Democratic Foundation of Orange County. As a nationally recognized trial lawyer, he is called upon frequently as a guest on television and radio talk shows, and is a featured seminar speaker and consultant to other lawyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Aitken were college sweethearts and have been married for 35 years. They have three children, Darren and Christopher, both attorneys and Ashleigh who works in Minority Leader RICHARD GEPHARDT's office. They both grew up in the 46th Congressional District of California and have consistently devoted themselves to their community. They are both long time members of St. Antonio's Roman Catholic Church in Anaheim and donate a great deal of their time to the church and related agencies.

Besides working to help children, Wylie and Bette have been supportive of many other charities. They worked hard to elect women to public office and have spent time and energy combating teenage pregnancy.

I am honored to call them friends and recognize their contributions to the community.

HONORING RIVERDALE TEMPLE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Riverdale Temple, the largest reform Jewish house of worship in the Bronx, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. It was founded in 1947 when a small group met to talk about a new liberal Jewish congregation. Later that year a charter was signed and 67 families founded the temple.

The Honorable Francis J. Bloustein was named first president and a dynamic rabbi, Charles E. Shulman, came from Chicago to become the first of a distinguished line of rabbis for the congregants.

The temple had its meetings in the Arrowhead Inn until it was torn down in 1952, and, until its own building was completed in 1954, at various churches in the neighborhood. The temple acquired a Torah which had been damaged during the Kristallnacht terror in Germany and today holds an honored place in the Holy Ark. Then Vice President Gerald Ford, in 1973, donated a Torah mantle to the sanctuary.

The Riverdale Temple now has more than 550 member families. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and is a patron of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

The Riverdale Temple, in the words of Rabbi Shulman, strived to be "a great Jewish community in Riverdale, great not only in numbers, but also in knowledge and spirit and faith." The temple and its congregation has succeeded admirably. It has grown and it has affirmed the high principles of Jewish ethics. I congratulate Riverdale Temple on its 50th anniversary and wish it many more years as a central part of our community.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER S. McAFEE

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a building dedication that honored an American that helped pioneer the Space Age. This new \$14 million building is named in honor of Dr. Walter Samuel McAfee and houses CECOM Information and Intelligence Electronic Warfare Directorate.

The late Dr. Walter S. McAfee was one of a team of scientists that were the first to bounce radio signals off the moon's surface. On January 10, 1946, using the Diana Tower in Fort Monmouth, NJ, a high frequency energy beam traveling at the speed of light reached the moon and bounced back in 2.5 seconds. Mr. McAfee's mathematical calculations on this project helped usher in the dawn of space exploration.

Dr. McAfee, the second of nine children, attended Wiley College in Marshall, TX, before achieving his master's degree in physics from Ohio State and a doctorate degree in nuclear physics from Cornell University. As an African-American, Dr. McAfee admitted that he did encounter prejudice in his field however he, in his own words, "tried to deal with each person as an individual."

Mr. Speaker, Dr. McAfee's accomplishments are a testimony to our Nation's unrelenting thirst for knowledge and his spirit lives on in our national space programs. Our country would not be where it is today if it were not for the creative minds and work ethic like that of Dr. McAfee.

TRIBUTE TO THE GLENDALE UNIT 104 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Legion Auxiliary of Glendale, Queens, NY, for its continued sponsorship of anticrime and drug prevention seminars on behalf of children and adults in the city of New York.

Mr. Speaker, I recently had the fortune of witnessing, firsthand, the auxiliary's commitment in this regard when I joined New York State Senator Serphin Maltese and New York City Councilman Thomas Ognibene, as well as several concerned citizens and civic leaders of New York's Seventh Congressional District, for a highly informative seminar conducted by Ms. Joanne DeLisi, president of Glendale Unit No. 104 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The forum commenced with a presentation by Police Officer Marlene Higgs, the Crime Prevention Officer for the New York City Police Department's 104th Precinct, who briefed participants on several facets of crime prevention. Officer Higgs specifically addressed the rising trend of scams which target the elderly of our community. Participants were urged to contact their local police precincts and avail themselves of anticrime initiatives such as vehicle identification No. [VIN] etching and home security surveys.

Ms. DeLisi, in turn, led an intensive and instructive workshop that enhanced the community's awareness of and resolve to fight substance abuse. The central tenets of Ms. DeLisi's segment were: First, recognition of the signs of drug abuse; second, identification of the illegal substances; third, the swift delivery of assistance to the substance abuser through private and/or government agencies or help lines; and fourth, treatment of substance abuser before drug-related crimes are committed.

The seminar succeeded not only in reinforcing traditional crime/drug-prevention techniques, but also in familiarizing participants with a host of "gateway" drugs that are extracted from common household products. The misuse of these products, either through inhalation or ingestion, has become alarmingly popular in our Nation, particularly among our youngsters.

I salute the Glendale American Legion Auxiliary and the community of Glendale as a whole for continuing to educate their friends and neighbors on the symbiotic relationship between crime and substance abuse. Furthermore, their unwavering attention to this critical issue is a great testimony to the fact that individuals can and do indeed make a difference in the ever-challenging fight against crime and the war on drugs.

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